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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS OCTOBER 29 IN HAIFA

1. FBIS HAS RUN TEXT OF JERUSALEM RADIO REPORT OCTOBER 30 ON AMBASSADOR'S QS AND AS BEFORE HAIFA ROTARY CLUB PRECEDING DAY.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORT, AMBASSADOR IN ANSWERING QUESTION ABOUT POSSIBLE US INTERVENTION IN LEBANON SAID: "AFTER OUR SORROWFUL EXPERIENCE IN VIETNAM, WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN ANOTHER MILITARY INTERVENTION. HOWEVER, AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT THERE IS NO REASON FOR FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN LEBANON. BUT IF THE SYRIANS OR OTHER OUTSIDE FORCES SHOULD MOVE AGAINST LEBANON, THEN THE SITUATION WILL BE TOTALLY DIFFERENT AND ONE CANNOT SAY NOW WHAT EITHER

THE UNITED STATES OR ISRAEL MIGHT DO. IT WILL DEPEND ON CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING AT THE TIME. HOWEVER, IT IS MOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPORTANT THAT THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL MAINTAIN CLOSE

CONTACTS REGARDING THE SITUATION IN LEBANON AND AVOID
TAKING ANY ACTION WITHOUT PREVIOUS CONSULTATIONS. "

3. REPORT SUMMARIZES AMBASSADOR'S REPLY TO QUESTION ABOUT
SYRIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS AS FOLLOWS: "AMBASSADOR TOON
SAID IN ANSWER TO ANOTHER QUESTION THAT THE UNITED STATES
DESIRES NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA IN ORDER TO

PREVENT A DANGEROUS DEADLOCK IN THE AREA. HOWEVER, SINCE
THE PRESENT SYRIAN POSITION IS TOTALLY UNCOMPROMISING, IT
PREVENTS ANY POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS. NEVERTHELESS,
THE BEST BRAINS IN BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL WILL
HAVE TO SEARCH FOR A WAY IN WHICH TO OPEN SOME KIND OF
DIPLOMATIC MOMENTUM. "

4. RADIO ITEM DESCRIBES AMBASSADOR'S ANSWER TO QUESTION
ABOUT SADAT COMMENT ON ZIONISM AS FOLLOWS: "THE AMBASSADOR
WAS ASKED ABOUT THE ANTI-SEMITIC REMARKS MADE BY PRESIDENT
AS-SADAT IN NEW YORK. HE SAID THAT ALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
REJECT THEM WITH BOTH HANDS. IT IS HARD FOR ME TO UNDER-
STAND WHY A PERSON OF AS-SADAT'S DIPLOMATIC SENSITIVITY
CHOSE TO EMBARRASS PRESIDENT FORD AND MY COUNTRY IN SUCH
A WAY. HE WILL UNDERSTAND THAT HE MADE A MISTAKE."

5. DEPARTMENT HAS HAD ONLY ONE PRESS QUERY SO FAR ABOUT
AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS. IF ASKED AT NOON BRIEFING, SPOKESMAN
WILL DECLINE COMMENT ON GROUNDS WE HAVE NO TEXT OF WHAT
AMBASSADOR ACTUALLY SAID. PLEASE CABLE FULL TEXT
AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS OR, IF THIS NOT AVAILABLE, AS FULL A
TEXT AS POSSIBLE ON FOREGOING SUBJECTS.

6. BOTH UPI AND AP ARE CARRYING STORIES ALONG LINES OF
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